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Recreation tops town's agenda

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Recreation, in a variety of forms, was high on Elk Point town council's agenda last week, beginning with a visit from new Elk Point Golf and Country Club president Don Schultz. Schultz said he felt the town has "a very good representative" on the club's board with their appointment of Dwayne Yaremkevich, and told council that the course had a good year in 2015, with net income up from the previous year.

The club has ambitious plans for this year, he said. "We want to clean up deadfall, extend the cart paths and keep the driving range in shape." He added that the driving range is something other courses in the area, with the exception of Bonnyville, don't have. The club plans to apply for STEP positions to employ workers to maintain the sports grounds and campground, both of which Schultz feels are complementary to the golf course.

One big project the club also hopes to complete this year is burying the water supply line, because, Schultz says, "a golf course is only as good as its water supply."

The club also hopes to put on course tournaments, something they have not done in recent years, and will continue to be a member of the Lakeland Golf Association, an affiliation that helps to bring in groups and individuals from other areas to enjoy the course. They also hope to bring back the STARS tournament.

Schultz emphasized that the club plans to shop locally for supplies, "and if we can't get it in Elk Point we will get it in St. Paul" rather than going further afield. Council had expressed concern previously that the club might be bringing in supplies from the city rather than buying from local outlets.

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Vicki Brooker photo

ROOF REPAIRS UNDERWAY - The much needed repairs to the roof of Elk Point Healthcare Centre got underway last week, as crews lifted materials into place to begin the challenging task that could be completed in early spring, with cooperation from the weather man.

Alberta HUB looks at ways to diversify local economy

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Alberta HUB's Bob Bezpalko has been working to get northeastern Alberta on the right track toward diversifying its economy, with a focus on agriculture initiatives.

Bezpalko spoke to County of St. Paul council last week, specifically about the possibilities of growing industrial hemp in the area, crop diversification, and the agri-food initiative being explored and researched. Alberta HUB is work-

ing alongside partners that include Community Futures, and the franco-phone economic group, CDEA.

He noted that right now, Alberta HUB is working at collecting information, which is the first step needed in order to attract investment and move forward with growing some less traditional crops in the area, such as hemp and lentils.

"We need to understand what's going on," said Bezpalko.

This is also important with the agri-food initiative. Knowing how many

greenhouses are operating in the area, and what people are growing, along with getting information about farmer's markets and other related groups, is also crucial.

For example, there are 21 greenhouses in the Bonnyville area, and 19 in the Lloydminster area.

"Right now, food is the new oil," said Bezpalko, who envisions building a successful agri-foods industry in the region. Part of that vision also includes a community kitchen co-op, which could consist of community halls opening

their industrial kitchens to producers who want to turn the food they grow into a value-added product, such as jam made with locally grown fruit.

Bezpalko also noted that the resources at Portage College's food science's lab in St. Paul are also a positive for the region, along with the Municipal Seed Cleaning plant. Those two organizations are currently working together to create gluten-free pea flour, said Bezpalko.

"There's a lot of stuff happening here."

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Council

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The new president heads an executive that has "lots of excitement about what we can do," and which plans to hold monthly meetings with up-to-date financial statements so they can keep on track financially and budget to replace machinery such as the greens mower, which is essential to their operation.

Council went in camera at the end of the meeting to discuss the Recreation Area Maintenance Agreement between the town and the golf club.

Playground

Council was pleased to hear that the Stafford family has received \$35,000 in Community Facility Enhancement Program grant funding for the new playground at Pete Stafford Memorial Park. The town will now provide the \$15,000 council pledged earlier from Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding, and will remove the old equipment from the site, so an early start can be made on the playground project

this spring.

Skateboard park

The possibility of building a skateboard park and permanent washrooms north of the A. G. Ross Arena were back on the table, with Coun. Lorne Young reporting that the Elks Lodge and Elk Point and District Lions Club are still interested in the project. He asked for the town's support in principle, so that this could be included with grant applications. Coun. Yaremkevich said a plan for the area should be drawn up to send with the letter of support.

Trail grant

Council amended a motion regarding expense reports on the MCFP grant for trail enhancement, because some of the lights in the original motion had already been claimed.

Seniors transportation: drivers needed

Concern was expressed that there is a shortage of drivers qualified to transport seniors to medical appointments, either in the handi van or by private vehicle. Mayor Parrish Tung and Coun. Bernice

Capjack will take this matter to the MD of St. Paul Foundation meeting to see if that group has any helpful input. It was once again noted that it is difficult to coordinate appointments so that multiple seniors could be taken to Edmonton at the same time, and that parking near the facilities most often utilized is difficult for both the van and other vehicles.

Well reclamation

Council was advised that application has been made for a reclamation certificate on a surface lease on town property. This was referred to the public works committee for further input.

Financial report

CAO Ken Gwozdz says the town has "done very well" at holding expenses down, and thus allowing the town to continue operating without going into an overdraft, despite the large amount of taxes still owing. He said a few more payments, including penalties, have come in and "we're still not where we'd like to be, but (the total of outstanding taxes) has come down."

Diversification

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Another topic Bezpalko brought up that peeked council's attention, was the need for cold storage. When food items, such as onions and potatoes are being grown, there needs to be somewhere for them to be stored.

Also, bringing in Community Futures as a partner allows access to resources for those in need of creating business plans and marketing strategies. Bezpalko also noted that producers have to start bragging about what they have going on in the region.

Last year, no one wanted to talk about diversification, said Bezpalko. "Now, times have changed," he added, pointing to the economic

downturn in the energy sector.

One of the projects taking place right now is looking to see if there is a viable market with industrial hemp. Although there are statistics on the amount of wheat, oats, barley and canola being grown in Alberta, there are no number for peas, lentils, or hemp.

"We have a real hurdle to jump when it comes to crop diversification." But, there appears to be interest in hemp, and four "well-attended" workshops have already been held in the HUB region.

Bezpalko said growing hemp is not a get-rich-quick scheme, but involves specialized equipment, and the seed cleaning plants also have to be on board. But, the crop is highly disease resistant.

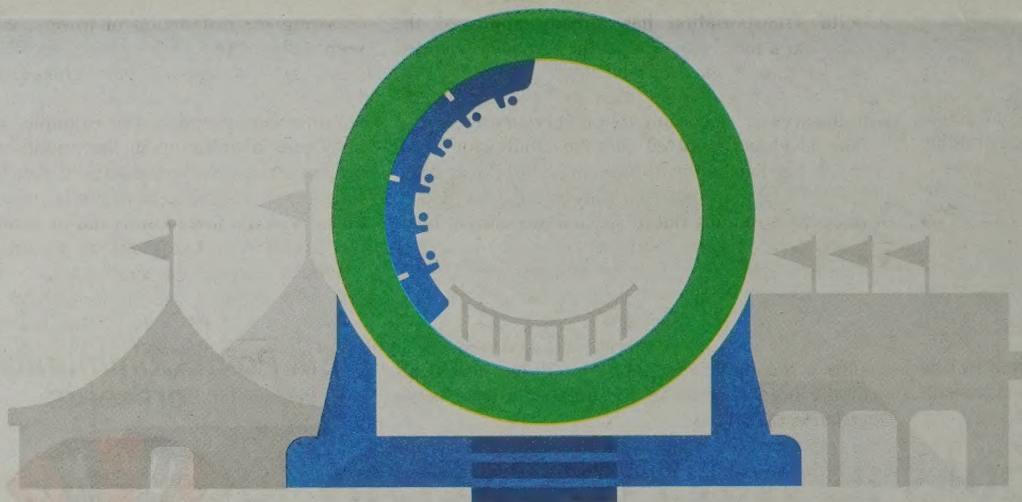
"The money is there, but it is a process."

Part of that process involves a criminal record check, and GPS coordinates of where the hemp crops are being grown are also needed. Bezpalko said that there have been instances where people think someone is growing marijuana, but it turns out to be hemp, which is why there are protocols in place.

Hemp is being used in a variety of products, from cinder blocks to hand lotions, said Bezpalko.

Council asked Bezpalko a few questions, following his presentation, and he recommended some members consider attending a workshop on hemp. Coun. Laurent Amyotte noted that it's a tricky situation, since investors want the acres to be able to build a facility, but producers won't grow those acres until there is a facility in place.

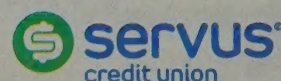
But, Coun. Cliff Martin noted that he believes there are some producers looking into the less-traditional crops, like hemp.



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Random Acts of Kindness Week, Feb. 21-27, **PINK** Day coming to FGM and community

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Next week, Feb. 21 to 27, has been proclaimed Kindness Week and Wednesday, Feb. 24 as PINK Day in Elk Point, after a delegation from F. G. Miller High School's Loyal Order of the P.U.P. and the Elk Point Kindness Committee visited a recent town council meeting.

The theme of this year's event is 'Kindness is One Size Fits All,' and the organizers are challenging everyone to a 21-day kindness challenge, not only performing random acts of kindness oneself, but recognizing the acts of kindness we receive and those we

see others receiving. The 21-day time frame, the committee says, comes from the belief that it takes 21 days to create a habit, and they suggest creating a habit that makes ourselves and others feel good. These acts of kindness can be recorded on a 'Kindness Log' available from Sherry Bower Gagne at FGM.

Sunday's Kindness Challenge kickoff sets the tone for the week, each of the five school days that follow having a special theme. Monday's theme is 'Belonging,' and it's also PJ Day at the school and the date for a photo scavenger hunt. Tuesday, with the theme 'Generosity,' is Jean Day, and will feature a noon hour bake sale to support FGMs Sponsor Child Leonardo.

Wednesday is **PINK** Day, with the theme 'Bullying Awareness,' and students are urged to attend a video and discussion at noon hour in the school library. They are also encouraged to 'Decorate your space' in pink and submit photos of the result to the Elk Point Kindness Committee Facebook page. The whole community is invited to wear pink that day to show their support for the Anti-Bullying awareness campaign.

A new addition to the lineup this year comes on Thursday, with the 'Let's Can Hunger' and Jean Drive. The Elk Point Fire Department and the FGM students will take to the streets from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. to collect non-perishable food, gently used jeans and cash donations to

help those in our community who are struggling. Watch and listen for the fire truck and the volunteers, who will be happy to collect your donation.

Friday's theme is 'Wrapping Up the Kindness' and is the last day of collecting in the 'Teens for Jeans' campaign. Students are invited to wear their favourite sports jersey that day and to share a positive quote with others on social media, on their lockers, and for those already in the work force, at work.

The week wraps up on Saturday with the delivery of jeans by the committee, and the community urged to "Do something with someone you love... Help a neighbour... Be kind to yourself... And add it to your kindness log."

Lagoon project moves head despite grant uncertainty

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The County of St. Paul is moving forward with the Ashmont Lagoon and Waste Water Transfer Station project, despite hearing from the province that only a portion of the needed funds are available this fiscal year.

"Administration has also received confirmation from Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding funding available in the current fiscal year as being \$1,032,115," according to the February agenda package.

It further states, "Municipal Affairs has also indicated that they expect more funds to be available in 2016/17 fiscal year, however they cannot confirm the amount of the total grant funding that would be available in the next fiscal year. Committed funds as per the grant approval total \$3,433,332. Based on current funds available, there is a potential that there will be a shortfall of grant funds for an undetermined amount of time."

Council was asked if it wanted to proceed with the proposed schedule and consider a short-term borrowing bylaw for the grant portion of the project, to be completed in 2016. The grant comes from the Small Communities Fund, which is part of the Building Canada Program.

Council agreed with CAO Sheila Kitz that 2016 was a good year to tender the project, since costs could be lower due to the downturn in economy.

Administration also recommended council send letters to both the MLA and MP for the area, since the grant is a federal/provincial grant, requiring funding from both sides. The letter will also be sent to provincial and federal ministers, as well as the Premier and Prime Minister to "outline the urgency to fund projects that are truly shovel ready."

Clubroot Policy

A Clubroot policy was passed by council, in an attempt to slow the spread of the disease in producers' fields.

The policy allows for random inspections to be done. Fields will be inspected with practices to avoid the spread of clubroot. A laboratory test will confirm clubroot if it is suspected.

If a field is found to have clubroot, no seeding of canola or other cruciferous crops will be allowed for the next three years, and only a clubroot resistant variety of canola can be seeded in the fourth year.

Producers will also have to be careful to clean all tillage equipment when exiting each land location. Property owners who rent their land out to producers will have to share the information with them.

"If these directions are not followed and a cruciferous crop is seeded, it may be destroyed at the owner's expense as pursuant to the Agricultural Pest Act," says the policy.

Landowners of the eight quarters surrounding a clubroot-positive quarter will also be notified.

Rezoning

Despite some councillors voicing concerns at January's regular council meeting, the second and third readings of a bylaw to allow for the rezoning of land east of the Town of St. Paul from agricultural to industrial commercial were carried at last week's meeting.

A meeting was held with adjacent landowners, where concerns about the lot being created for re-sale were expressed. The developer stated that this was not the case.

Area landowners also wanted the landowner to be aware that at one time, a lake occupied the piece of land. The lake is not noted on any mapping, according to Krystle Fedoretz, planning and development officer with the County of St. Paul.

Access off Highway 29 was also discussed, which was council's main concern prior to the meeting. Alberta Transportation has already approved the access, and a letter was sent to the province from the county, regarding the proposed subdivision.

"Transportation replied that they have no concerns with the access," according to the February agenda.

The developer involved with the subdivision is not yet made his plan public, for the space, but it was noted in the noted from the meeting with landowners that the developer "is running out of space at his current business location," and the developer also sees a benefit in the chosen location because the business will be able to demonstrate haying equipment that is for sale.

Towers

MCSnet CEO Leo Vanbrabant asked council to change a section of it's Land Use Bylaw that deals with the needed setbacks for internet towers being installed in the county.

Vanbrabant said it has faced some issues while the company upgrades towers in the county. He said the setbacks in the County of St. Paul are different than most other places the company operates.

In most cases, the new towers being put up are CSA approved towers, and are able to withstand more extreme weather conditions. A couple winters ago,

MCSnet lost about 50 towers in a windstorm, those towers were different than the majority of the towers being installed.

Council recommended changed the wording in the bylaw to state that less setback would be needed for "CSA approved" towers, to which Vanbrabant was satisfied. He said he still has some of the older towers in stock, but would be happy to install the CSA approved towers if it meant less setback was needed.

"I have over 500 towers," said Vanbrabant, adding, he's never seen a tower fall from the base, but rather they always break at the weakest point. More than 90 per cent of the towers he's seen break, don't even see the top of the tower touch ground, because of where the break happens. This means there is a low chance the tower could ever fall on something.

"At the end of the day, we don't want the tower to break," said Vanbrabant.

Coun. Maxine Fodness also asked Vanbrabant about any issues they've been having with residents opposing the installation of towers, which had been seen in the past.

He said the company has rules it has to abide by, which requires them to contact adjacent landowners within a certain range. For example, when the company puts a tower up in the middle of town, every property owner will get a letter notifying them.

The company also has to hold open houses sometimes, which it just recently did in Strathcona County.

Council agreed to make an amendment to reduce the setback needed for internet towers.

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Celebrating a landmark

Yesterday, Elk Point celebrated a part of our community which almost everyone has enjoyed using over the years, but that most of us have just taken for granted.

For many of us, the A. G. Ross Arena was here when we arrived in town or when we were born, and we really never thought about how it came to be here, or how much work, dedication and fundraising it took to create a facility that we just took for granted.

Yesterday gave us the unique opportunity to learn about those who made this structure a part of our lives, a place our children learned to skate and play hockey, a place we saw their talents grow through the years and even saw one minor hockey player make it to the NHL.

Those who made this building possible may never have dreamed of the impact it would have on our community, but if they did, there is no doubt that those dreams have been exceeded.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Official opening of arena held Feb 27

ELK POINT — A lasting tribute to the memory of a pioneer doctor in Elk Point from 1922-1968 was dedicated before a crowd of nearly five hundred people, Wednesday, February 27, when the year-old Agricultural Society arena was christened "A.G. Ross Agri-centre".

Mrs. Ivy Ross, now residing in Leduc, was guest of honor, and with the Honourable Bob Dowling, Alberta Minister of Tourism and Industry, cut the ribbon to formally open the centre.

Mrs. Ross expressed her

gratitude for the honor bestowed on herself, her family, and the memory of her late husband, and wished for the people of Elk Point a number of years of pleasure from the agri-centre to equal the years of service Dr. Ross had devoted to the community.

She paid tribute to the many people who had labored to make the centre a reality, justifying the faith Dr. Ross had had in them and the future of Elk Point and district.

The many other honored guests included Mayor Mike Habiak of the Town of Elk Point, Mr. Bob Smith, representing the County of St. Paul, Mr. Mick Fluker, MLA for St. Paul constituency, Blaine Easthope, President of the Elk Point Agricultural Society, Bill Bartling, President of the Elk Point Pioneer Circle, Jim Engel, assistant to the Honorable Mr. Bob Dowling, and Peter Walls, Director of Planning and

Development, Travel Alberta.

Master of Ceremonies duties were performed with his usual aplomb by Sid Holthe, Principal of F.G. Miller High School.

Following a chicken supper in the arena waiting room from six to seven p.m. the program got off to a colorful start with the Elk Point Band and Majorettes, resplendent in new uniforms and caps, and bearing the flags of the Canadian provinces, smartly performing "O Canada".

In his introductory remarks, Mr. Holthe outlined the brief history of the building. The idea was conceived a few years ago by a number of people, some of them very young. The Recreation Board, aware of the need and optimistic about a favorable outcome, secured in turn a three-man committee to investigate further. A second committee initiated introductory procedures and an Arena Board of eleven volunteers was formed in 1970. Under their leadership construction commenced in 1971, but in the fall the Arena Board was dissolved and an Agricultural Society formed and the structure classified as a multi-purpose project, thus qualifying for assistance from the Alberta government. Federal funding was also obtained in the form of an L.I.P. grant. The ice area was first utilized in December, 1972.

Congratulations were expressed by all guest speakers to the individuals, organizations, communities, the provincial and federal governments, to everyone who

The Journal, St. Paul, Alta., Wed. March 6, 1974



CUTTING RIBBON TO OPEN ELK POINT ARENA — Mrs. Ivy Ross and Hon. Bob Dowling, combined to cut the ribbon which marks the official opening of the Elk Point arena. It was named in the memory of her husband, Dr. Ross.

joined in the common purpose and devoted time, energy and money to the planning and construction of an imposing and enduring structure, valued at \$160,000.

No one is ready to relax or lesser the momentum, for continuing support is vital. \$35,000 is still owing, and annual maintenance will be ever a factor. Yet the A.G. Ross Agri-centre is felt by all to be a vote of confidence to the continuation and expansion of the total community, and a very real expression of faith in the young people of Elk Point and neighboring centres.

To bear this out, a large part of the evening's program was devoted to performance by the young. The Band and Majorettes presented two fine routines. The Mites and Tom Thumbs were in attendance at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and each later played a ten-minute period of hockey, found highly entertaining by the congenial crowd.

Mrs. Marie Buck, President of the Figure Skating Club, presented each class, and announced the awards of each. It was evident that the fledgling club has accomplished wonders in two short seasons.

Mr. Ray Hellquist was called upon to provide details relating to the organization and plans for Minor Hockey, and their successes in brief history.

Mr. Blaine Easthope, President of the Agricultural

Society, dropped the puck for the first face-off in the A.G. Ross Agri-centre. That specific puck will be retained, mounted on a backdrop, and kept as a memento.

No one in Elk Point needs reminding that the Senior Citizens are an important force in the community, and that their needs, too, will be met by the acquisition of the A.G. Ross Agri-centre. After all, it is they who voted overwhelmingly for the name. In recognition of their many contributions, and this one in particular, Mr. Easthope, on behalf of the Agricultural Society presented a cheque to Pioneer Circle President, Bill Bartling, to be used in some manner in their proposed Drop-in Centre.

An excellent hockey game topped off the evening's entertainment, with the Elk Point Bucs winning a close one over the Saskatchewan River League "All-Stars". The friendly rivalry among the fans spurred the players to come up with one of the best games seen on Elk Point ice this season.

Scoring for the "All Stars" were C. Muskego, P. Muskego (2), G. Cannapoto, and S. Park; assists, P. Muskego (2), G. Cannapoto (2), C. Muskego, B. Ward, and D. Rae.

Accounting for the Bucs seven goals were Allan Buck (3), Ed Soldan, E. Poulin (2), and A. Richard; assists, Jim Krissa (2), Allan Buck (2), Richard Miller, Rocky Maas, and J. Richard (2).

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SPERD looking to community for new motto

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As part of its community engagement, St. Paul Education Regional Division is looking to students and community members to help come up with a new motto for the division, with an iPad up for grabs for the winning entry.

Submissions can include a three to eight word statement that describes the school division, its goals, and its vision and mission.

The contest opens this week, and will remain open for about a month. The winner will be announced in April once the school board has a chance to look at the submissions and choose the one that best suits the division as a whole.

"Ultimately, it's the board's decision what our motto should be," says trustee Rhonda Lafrance. She said the contest is open to the whole community, as many have gone through the school system, and while they may no longer be students or have children enrolled in school, they may still have good ideas.

It has been about 20 years since the motto was last reviewed. SPERD's previous motto was: "Providing for cultural, linguistic, and religious diversity."

According to an information sheet about the motto contest, in April of 2015, SPERD invited the community to take part in reviewing its Division Vision and Mission Statements, which also hadn't been reviewed for about two decades.

The reviewed mission statement is as follows: "Working together to inspire and empower all students to grow and succeed."

The vision states: "Our students will be ethical citizens, critical thinkers, and leaders of tomorrow." A list of value statements was also put together.

SPAA events

Administrators at area schools will be exploring options to host St. Paul Athletics Association championship tournaments at schools outside of St. Paul, to lessen the burden on some of the schools that are repeat hosts.

The events take up gym time, and can cause other disruptions to regular schedules at schools, and St. Paul schools are often chosen to host because of their central location.

There are other schools interested in hosting, said Dalane Imeson, assistant superintendent, during last week's school board meeting. She said other issues, such as scheduling of SPAA events, and other athletic happenings, such as the RCMP Road Race, were also discussed by school principals.

In the future, the RCMP Road Race will have a set date so it doesn't interfere with other events, or provincial athletic competitions that can force students to have to choose between events.

Power outages

Schools will be making sure they have older-style phones on hand to deal with power outages, after a couple of outages were experienced at schools this winter.

In one case, students had to be sent home early since no power meant no running water or toilets. It also happened to be a cold day, so it was important for staff to notify parents that children would be returning home early.

But, "without phones, parents can't contact us," said Imeson. She said the safety of the students is always the priority, and even with an automatic call-out system in place, schools like to make personal contact with parents to ensure someone is home when the students arrive early.

The division will also be looking into making other technological improvements to phone systems to ensure they still work when the power goes out.

FSLW

SPERD will be receiving less support financially from the Town of Elk Point for its Family School Liaison Worker program, after the town decided to contribute \$5,000 to the program, instead of \$10,000.

The division is still waiting to hear back from the County of St. Paul and the Town of St. Paul on their contributions, and Two Hills municipalities also. Saddle Lake and Goodfish Lake both said they were not in a position to make a contribution to the program, but a Goodfish Lake representative did request touching base with the division to see if the two groups could partner up in other ways.



Vicki Brooker photo

LODGE SUPPORT FOR YOUNG ATHLETES - Elk Point BPO Elks Lodge sent the Bantam Avalanche hockey team off to provincials playoffs in Wabasca last weekend with a donation toward their bus transportation. Back row, left to right are Head Coach Greg Van Maarion, Assistant Coach Christoph Ludlage, Hayden Ludlage, Chase Dorey, Brad Canning, Samuel Henderson, Angus McFarlane, Dylan Ference, Assistant Coach Dean Rogal; front row, left to right: Hank Rogal, Nick Anderson, Colton Van Maarion, Wolke Cueva, Paige Henderson and manager Melinda Henderson, who accepted the cheque from Elk Albert Boratyne.

Planning already underway for World Day of Prayer

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The planning committee for the 2016 World Day of Prayer is already at work at their preparations for the March 4 event, this year hosted by St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

Each year, the World Day of Prayer features a different country, and this year is a country familiar to many as a vacation destination. In recent years, international tourism has become one of the most significant contributions to the economy of Cuba, a country still recovering from the revolution more than half a century ago that plunged them into economic isolation and material scarcity, due to a trade embargo

imposed by the USA. That embargo is now lifting, but economic uncertainty remains.

Cuba, a nation comprised of 4,195 islands, islets and cays in the Gulf of Mexico, has a population of over 11 million, and produces coffee, nickel and tobacco for export. Wages not in keeping with the needs of people result in the frequent lack of necessities such as food, medicine, personal hygiene items and transportation. These shortages have led to discontent, nonconformity and violence, with younger generations often still dependent on their parents, and female heads of families are plagued by anxiety and uncertainty for the future. An aging population and the emi-

gration of younger persons to developed countries are other challenges Cuba faces these days.

The dictatorship resulting from the revolution also brought about an atheist policy that stayed in place until the 1990s, when the country's constitution re-established and guaranteed religious freedom. The years since have seen considerable growth in Christian congregations, some of which survived because of extraordinary women capable of leadership in fields that including the ministry.

What can these women tell the rest of the world about how faith endures in a secular world of material and social challenges, and of

hope? This year's World Day of Prayer service, written by the women of Cuba, will inspire those who attend to join in their prayers for the people of their country.

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church and join in the celebration of Cuba and its enduring Christian faith.

THANK YOU

On behalf of Babe Sharkey's Family, thank you to everyone who came out to the funeral and who travelled long distances to be there with us to celebrate his life. It showed us how many lives he touched and it meant so much.

We would like to express a special appreciation to Johnny Yewchin from Grace Garden Funeral Home for all of his help, advice and friendship. Thank you Pastor Kelly Sibley for the service. To Laverne Wilson, the eulogist, for the stories of Babe's life and his loving words. To the Heinsburg Community Club, thank you for all of the help with the hall and the delicious lunch, it was greatly appreciated. Thank you Marge Scott for the speech on behalf of the Community Club about what Babe accomplished for his community.

To everyone who sent flowers and donations we were very touched by your kindness and generosity.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Doctor Oyebo, Elk Point Homecare and all of the staff at the Elk Point Hospital. Thanks Brad Young for your caring and professional bedside manner. It was heart-warming having a familiar face during our loss. To Lorne Young, we appreciate all of your support to the family through this difficult time. To anyone we may have missed, thank you!

Babe will be missed forever, but we know that he will live in the hearts of all who shared their grief.

Warmest Regards,
The Sharkeys



Vicki Brooker photos

SUPPORT FOR 4-H BEEF CLUB - Elk Point 4-H Beef Club received two welcome donations during their Feb. 7 Communications Event. Above, Lynn Usenik presented a grant from Farm Credit Canada to be used for the club's year-end plaques, while below, Joyce Wirsta presented a donation from St. Paul and District Co-op toward the club's operating expenses.



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Potential for solar energy presented at LARA's Ashmont seminar

ERIC UPHAM
Review Contributor

All over the world, talks of making the transition away from fossil fuels and coal to produce energy are taking place. Alberta has joined this movement, with a plan to have 30 per cent of its power being produced by renewable resources by 2030 as well as completely phase out carbon producing coal generated electricity by 2030. One of the renewable resources that they plan to utilize is solar power. Solar power generation has been around

for many years but has always been an expensive option when being used to provide power for private and commercial purposes. This fact has hindered the development of the use of solar power by countries as a renewable resource, until now. The price of the equipment required to setup a solar energy system has been steadily decreasing in cost in recent years. This is why the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) put on a solar workshop at the Ashmont Agriplex on Wednesday. Rob Harlan, The Executive Director of the Solar Energy Society of Alberta, led the workshop and educated the 60 interested locals that were in attendance. Harlan spoke about the advantages that solar energy provides, from its environmentally friendly production of electricity, to how it can be used to heat a home even in the middle of an Alberta

winter. Harlan showed statistics that compared Alberta's yearly potential power generation to other areas in the world. This statistic demonstrated that two of the countries that lead the way in development for solar power, Germany and China, actually are in areas that have a reasonably low potential to generate this type of electricity. The city in the world with the highest potential is Rome, Italy, and Harlan explained that the estimated yearly reading for the Ashmont area is only a few decimal places behind Rome, putting it as one of the best places in the world to generate solar power. Harlan explained that farmers have a unique opportunity to utilize solar power as a renewable resource. "What we're doing is providing options for farmers to generate electricity from renewable

resources, in this case solar energy. Farmers are very suitable for this type of generation, they own a lot of land, and many have big barns with roofs that face south which is perfect for solar panels. Many farmers are not afraid to make big capital investments as long as the potential for a return is good, and we're finding that farmers are very interested in these systems," he said. "Farmers are very self-sufficient and have a lot of skills so implementing a system specifically for themselves would be another advantage that they have." With the cost of the required equipment going down, and its quality only getting better, as well as the encouragement from the provincial government, Harlan believes that, "Right now is the best time to be buying into this."

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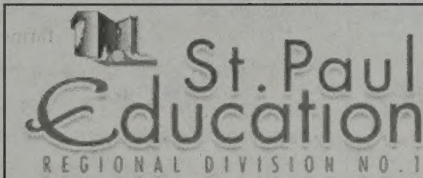
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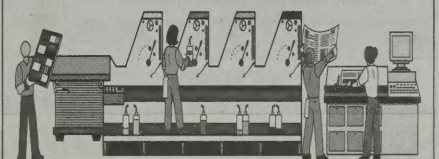
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The County of St. Paul (County) requests the submission of statements of qualifications from general contractors interested in providing services for the **Ashmont Lagoon Expansion**. Currently, wastewater is treated through the existing facultative lagoon facility. The Ashmont Lagoon Expansion consists of expanding the existing facility into a larger facultative lagoon to increase treatment capacity. The general works include, but are not limited to:

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This is NOT a request for proposal or a call for binding offers or tenders and no contractual obligation shall arise between the County and any Respondent as a result of this request for qualifications or the making of any submission in response to this. This is a request for information only. Respondents wishing to be considered for the tenderers list for the above project MUST make a submission in response to this request. Failure to make a submission will prevent any prospective respondent/tenderer for this project from any further participation in this procurement process. Evaluation by the County will determine which Respondents will be invited to participate in the Invitation to Tender.

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Town of Elk Point

Highways, Sidewalks, Parking, Traffic, Pedestrians and Public Places within the Town of Elk Point Bylaw No. 748/16

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended, the Council of the Town of Elk Point proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 748/16 for the Town to enact:

- Section 2.8 – "Seasonal Parking" shall mean the time period from Friday of May long weekend until Tuesday after the September long weekend.
- Section 2.9 – "Town Manager" shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Elk Point.
- Add Section 3.1-2 – "Seasonal Parking" may be allowed on Highway up to 144 hours (6 days) if deemed safe by the Peace Officer to do so.
- Add Section 8.6 – No person shall obstruct or overhang within the sidewalk, boulevard or highway with a slide out of the recreational vehicle.

A copy of the proposed bylaw 748/16 may be reviewed and inspected by the public at the Town of Elk Point Office, 4914 - 50 Avenue during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

At 7:00 PM on March 14, 2016 the Council of the Town of Elk Point invites citizens to the Town Council Chambers at the Town of Elk Point Office located at 4914 - 50 Avenue, at which time objections or comments regarding the proposed changes to this bylaw may be given.

Please note that written letters must be submitted to the Town of Elk Point Office no later than March 7, 2016 at 12:00 PM (noon) to the following address:

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COUNTY OF ST. PAUL No. 19



HIGHLIGHTS

February 9, 2016 • Council Meeting

Fire Permits – Reminder that year round Fire Permits are required for all types of open burning within the County.

Volunteer Income Tax Program – FCSS will have trained volunteers available to complete income tax returns free of charge, again this year. However, they will only prepare income tax return for County of St. Paul residents and Town of Elk Point residents.

Club Root Policy – Council approved a Clubroot Policy in an effort to prevent the establishment of and to limit the spread of Clubroot on lands within the County of St. Paul and to enforce the Agricultural Pest Act, which will fulfill the duties of the legislation enacted on lands in the County. The policy was developed by the Ag Service Board in consultation with local producers. You can find the policy on the County's website.

Planning and Development – Council approved Bylaw No. 2016-01 which is an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to permit holding tanks that meet applicable CAN/CSA standards on lakefront properties. Council also approved Bylaw No. 2016-02 to rezone 10 acres in NE 12-58-9-W4 from Ag to Industrial Commercial. Alberta transportation has indicated that they have reviewed the application and have no concerns with the access to the property.

Council gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2016-05, as it relates to rezoning 10 acres in N ½ NW 13-57-6-W4 from Ag to Country Residential One. Council also gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2016-06 to amend Section 7.7 of the Land Use Bylaw to allow CSA approved towers to be set back from abutting parcels and roadways by a distance of 20 percent of the tower height or a distance between the tower base and guy wire anchors, whichever is greater.

Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay – the County entered into an agreement with the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay to provide mowing services to the summer village as needed.

Organizational Review – the firm of Nicholls Applied Management was hired to conduct an organizational review of the County to assist with succession planning and to identify possible vulnerabilities due to pending retirements. Consultant, Jeff Bellinger, indicated that there are five positive factors that will assist the County as they transition the organization over the next few years. These factors include: strong organizational management; a positive organizational culture; good governance; strong strategic planning processes and reporting; and strong financials. The consultant is recommending to redesign the organizational structures, processes and culture over a period of time, as key retirements occur and then search for individuals to lead the redesigned organization. An Employee Engagement Survey was conducted as part of this review. This survey included all fulltime permanent staff as well as seasonal staff that were still employed in October 2015. The results will serve as a benchmark for the County and provide Administration with indications of where improvements can be made to ensure the County continues to be an employer of choice. The consultant's final report can be viewed on the County's website.

Funding Support:

- \$2,000 – Farm Safety Centre
- \$1,000 – Mallaig Seniors for Transportation Grant
- \$1,000 – St. Paul Senior Citizens Club for Transportation Grant

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